(c) if so, the complete details thereof, and by when a comprehensive report on VIP security/routes will be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) The Government is sensitive towards inconvenience caused to the members of general public on account of security arrangements during VIP movements. The matter has been examined in consultation with concerned security agencies and State authorities to find out ways and means to reduce inconvenience to the public; while ensuring appropriate security depending on the threat assessment.

A number of measures have been suggested to States/UTs and concerned agencies to reduce public inconvenience during movements of VIPs.

Revamping of CRPF

4238. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have planned to revamp, augment and give a face lift to CRPF;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed plan;

(c) whether it is planned to increase the number of battalions, equip them with modern weaponry and train them in counter-insurgency with a view to make it strongest Central force in the country; and

(d) the time frame by which it would be completed and total outlay involved in the process?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (d) Yes Sir. The Government has approved a plan for augmentation of the Central Police Forces including CRPF over a period of five years from 2000-2001. A five year modernisation plan for the Forces to equip them with modern weaponry and equipment has also been approved in 2002.

It will not be in public interest to give details of the augmentation and modernisation plan.